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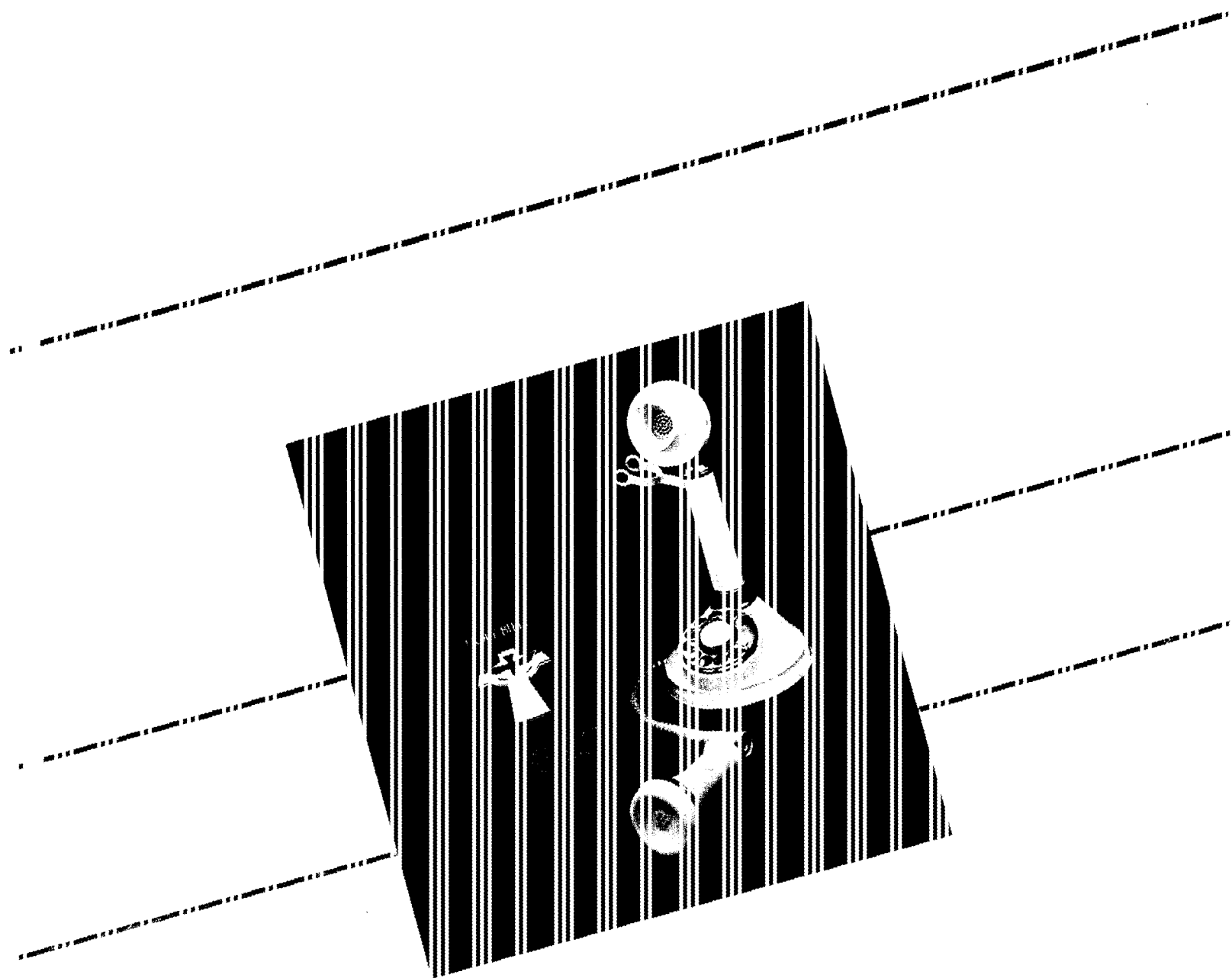
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Guide to Ministry

Introduction

THE PURPOSE of this manual is to provide individuals with the basic information necessary to become competent as a TBN telephone prayer partner. We do this with the intent of providing those calling in for prayer, with the help they need through the power and illumination of the Holy Spirit. At this point, we would ask the prospective prayer partner to be sure that this is also his motivation.

AS A telephone prayer partner, you will be called upon to minister to a variety of needs and will find yourself looking to the Lord continually for wisdom and love. This booklet does not attempt to cover every prayer need; rather it simply puts forth scriptural principles to assist you in praying for someone who is seeking salvation, healing, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We assume that God is at work in every man's life bringing him to surrender and commitment. Our responsibility is to determine (as best we can) how far the Holy Spirit has brought the person and where the individual has checked or resisted the Holy Spirit of God. May these principles be helpful to you as one who seeks to be a prayer partner. The challenge of Proverbs 11:14 is greater than ever:

"Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble; but with good counselors there is safety."

Paul F. Crouch,
President
TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK



Prayer Partner Training

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

PARTNER TRAINING is to equip each prospective TBN worker with the information required to deal effectively with the various problem situations that come to us through the moving of the Lord during the "Praise the Lord" program. This training also serves as a screening process as each applicant's potential as a prayer partner is evaluated by the sincerity of his or her efforts.

PRAYER PARTNER TRAINING PROCEEDS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The applicant must complete the prayer partner application and personal questionnaire. He must also sign and date the acknowledgement of volunteer requirements.
- (2) The prospective prayer partner is required to attend the one specified orientation and training seminar. The topics (which are explained in the initial interview) usually include: biblically seeking salvation and baptism in the Holy Spirit, general telephone procedures, comparative religions, and ministering to the alcoholic or homosexual.
- (3) The TBN prayer partner manual is given to the applicant for initial training and future reference. The manual is to be used only as a basic guide, in conjunction with the Bible, to provide prayful and spirit-filled guidance to the caller.
- (4) Applicants are required to attend a minimum of 2 hours of observational training. This observation session is supervised by a TBN prayer coordinator.
- (5) After achieving prayer partner status, the new prayer partner is required to attend any new training seminars that the TBN Director of Prayer Ministries deems necessary. These training seminars are designed to provide the prayer partner with more updated information on the many urgent personal and social problems common today.
- (6) Prayer partner meetings are held approximately every 2 months. New procedures and problems are presented and discussed. Guest speakers are featured and studies are conducted in order to improve the overall TBN operation.
- (7) With regard to an individual working on the phones, we expect a commitment of 3 to 6 months, consisting of a minimum of 2 nights per month.

General Procedures

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES CONSTITUTE THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER OF CONDUCTING THE TBN PHONE-MINISTRY SERVICE as of this date. Prayer partners are held responsible for all methods and regulations. Policy is flexible in any area which would improve the operation of TBN.

- (1) **PRAYER** is essential before any work on TV ministering—on behalf of the callers and also the prayer partner's ability. This attitude of prayer should prevail on the "Praise the Lord" program at all times. During each call of an urgent nature, inactive prayer partners should intercede in prayer on the caller's behalf. Be filled with praise and gratitude for this opportunity to serve the Lord. Receive His wisdom, strength, and leading as you present Him your heart, mind, and body—a living sacrifice.
- (2) **THE BIBLE** should be the prayer partner's ever-present weapon. All volunteers should spend much time acquainting themselves with where to find the Bible's answer to common questions that vex people. Prayer partners should always bring their own Bible and be able to locate key passages immediately.

- (3) **TESTIMONY** as how God saved him and what changes took place in his life is an important part of the prayer partner's equipment. He should also be acquainted with authenticated testimonies of God's saving, healing, and delivering work in other individuals. Genuine testimonies minister much encouragement and faith to callers who have had disappointments and setbacks.
- (4) **LITERATURE** is being gathered, written, and published as fast as possible. Prayer partners should acquaint themselves with the printed materials available for sending follow-up to persons who have called.
- (5) **THE FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM** is a vital ministry at TBN. Each prayer partner must become aware of the importance of the follow-up program and determine whether the caller should or desires to be followed up with a call, letter, etc. If so, write out on green sheets the name, phone number, address, and zip code of the caller. These are then processed by our follow-up program and channeled to a participating church in the caller's area.

Attitudes of Prayer Partners

- (1) **SERVANT**—Jesus was a servant to His disciples. He washed their feet. He came **not** to be ministered unto but to minister. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. When the phone rings, think of yourself as the caller's servant.
- (2) **STRONG**—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself. At times, much strength is required for telephone prayer partners and the source of that strength must be the Lord. Prayer partners can be strengthened as they pray and wait upon the Lord before the program begins.
- (3) **SUNNY**—Be aglow with the Spirit. Let your light shine. A cheery radiant disposition in the Lord can be sent out through the prayer partners phone. People who call are usually a bit down and oppressed. They can be encouraged and lifted up by your radiance from the Lord.
- (4) **SWEET**—When you lift the receiver, be ready for abuses, vulgarities, obscenities, or blasphemies! They come quite unsolicited. Remember that these are people needing God's blessing and yours, too! Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that spitefully use you. Keep cool and sweet in the Lord. Resist the temptation to snap and argue. Some operators make a point of blessing these callers and praying for them. Wisdom is needed from the Lord for each situation. Some callers have actually come under conviction of sin and later phoned in apologies and received salvation—so the sweet, gentle, gracious spirit wins.
- (5) **SENSITIVE**—Telephone prayer partners do well to show sensitivity to those who have fallen into sin and cannot seem to overcome. Weep with those who weep rather than condemn. Reach down the helping hand.
- (6) **SECRETIVE**—Some callers in telling their troubles divulge much information of intimate personal nature, such as thefts, murders, or adulteries. The prayer partner must never show shock when he hears this nor should he ever under any circumstances divulge to another the confidences made by the caller. To do so is an absolute betrayal of the counseling privilege.

Appearance of Prayer Partners

- (1) **COLORFUL DRESS** is needful for prayer partners appearing on live television programs. Women should dress modestly. Avoid jewelry which makes dazzling, exaggerated reflections in cameras. Avoid black and white clothing as much as possible.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (1 Peter 3:3, 4)

- (2) **CHATTING** with fellow prayer partners on live television is a **never-never!** Some viewers may observe and wrongly conclude operators are sharing confidences.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (Proverbs 25:11)

- (3) **COUNTENANCE** of prayer partner on live television should be consistently radiant and interested. Cultivate and keep a Christian smile. Beware of a glum, furrowed expression. You never know when the camera is on you!

Assembling of Prayer Partners

- (1) **ASSEMBLY FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION** of all prayer partners on a particular program is one full half hour before airtime. Assembly for prayer and instruction is at the place designated by the night's captain.
- (2) **DELAYS** in coming occasionally occur. If so, phone at once to the business office 714-832-2950 Ext 43 so that substitutions can be made for you with minimum of confusion.
- (3) **SUBMISSION** to the prayer co-ordinator is requested, even for experienced prayer partners.

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:21)

- (4) **SEATING AT TELEPHONES** is on a first come, first serve basis. However, do not abuse this privilege. If a prayer partner has sat in the same place for 2 weeks or more, that does not mean that he or she now has a special reserved seat. Always keep a Christian attitude in all areas of the TBN prayer ministry.



Use of Phones

- (1) Answer phones at once—even while on first ring. Time is limited. The number of phones is limited. Keep down noise of ringing phones to enable fellow prayer partners to hear their callers.
- (2) Please keep calls as short as possible. Three minutes should be an average call (except for extreme emergency calls, i.e., potential suicides, drug overdose, etc.). Line should be cleared to allow the maximum number of calls to come through.
- (3) Answer phones saying, *"Praise the Lord! May I help you please?"* Be cheery. Be sure to say please. Be a courteous humble servant.
- (4) Prayer partner's voice should be kept soft as possible. Loud prayer partner's distort sounds on live broadcasts and distract fellow prayer partners. Avoid boisterous shouts, prayers, and outbursts.
- (5) Prayer partners are not under obligation to explain difficult scripture passages. Refer caller to their own pastor or if they need a pastor, we will be glad to refer them to one. Prayer partners should **never NEVER** offer professional advice of any kind such as medical, legal, or financial. It is not our business to advise callers that they should fast for a period of time, discontinue the use of medicine, sell a piece of property, change their occupations, etc. The Holy Spirit will direct the caller individually as we agree with them in prayer. Prayer partners should never engage in doctrinal or theological disputes or disagreements at any time. Because of the diversity of doctrinal and church backgrounds, there will always be many differences of opinion. Never seek to persuade a caller to your own particular doctrinal position in areas where there is wide difference of opinions. Our mission is to exalt Jesus Christ and proclaim the simple gospel—i.e., virgin birth, blood atonement, divine healing, and second coming. If callers disagree with TBN, hosts, or guests, simply ask them to pray for the individuals. Never hang up in anger.
- (6) When callers complain about quality of program or TBN's business methods, prayer partners should make no effort to defend them. Tell caller you are a volunteer, and ask them to refer complaint to business office the next morning. Do not be drawn into a controversy.
- (7) When callers complain about the host or guests, never take complaints to them. If prayer partner disagrees with guest, prayer partner is not under any circumstances to voice same. This is wholly the responsibility of TBN.
- (8) Always exalt Christ, never TBN or persons on telecast.
- (9) When phone rings and there is no voice answering though the line is open, do not hang up. The person may be in pain, weakness, or distress and unable to speak at that moment. Pray a short sweet prayer as you feel led.
- (10) Telephone calls should **NEVER, EVER** last more than 10 to 15 minutes. The only exception to this is that if the call is a suicide call. In that instance, there is no time limit.

Use of Phones

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Even if the call is collect, allow the caller as much time to talk and make their need known as is necessary.

ALL other calls must be kept reasonably short, so that everyone calling will have an opportunity to get through our prayer lines.

- (11) The new telephone system and new 800 number service will allow 3 to 5 times as many calls to get through. The new phones will evenly distribute the same number of calls to all prayer partners on the prayer lines at any given time. In addition, any calls coming in and receiving a busy signal will hear a recorded message asking the caller to please

hold until the first available prayer partner is free. While on hold, the program currently being broadcast on TBN will be programmed into the telephone. In this way, the caller can still receive ministry while on hold. At the same time, everyone on the prayer lines and on the PTL set will see tally lights telling how many callers are on hold. This is the prayer partners signal to

IMMEDIATELY and politely end the call they are handling. Tell the caller that many others are waiting with urgent needs, and please call again at a later time when the calls are not so busy.

Prayer Requests

PRAYER REQUEST FORMS are supplied each telephone prayer partner. The host on the program invites persons to phone in prayer requests. These usually come so rapidly and in such quantity that all volunteers need a quick way to record message. For this purpose **BLUE** sheets have been provided.

Sheets in many cases need only several checks in appropriate boxes to complete the message, which is the prayer request to the host to pray for the person and conditions mentioned.

Not every prayer request is printed. In that case, find the appropriate line and write in the request.

Some volunteers write in duplicate words for those already printed. This is needless waste of time and shows the prayer partner is not acquainted with sheet. Please take time to be familiar with every part of **PRAYER REQUEST FORM**. Sometimes patients in hospitals are listening and like to hear their name called. Great discretion must be used in giving a person's name on the air, however. Be cautious and restrained in this area. Use a separate sheet for each person's needs. Do not put needs of more than one person on one sheet.

Praise Reports – Answers to Prayer

ANSWERS TO PRAYER/PRAISE REPORTS (pink sheets) are provided for prayer partners. Frequently the host invites viewers to phone in specific answers to prayer. If the answers are rather unusual and interesting, the prayer partner should take detailed report. Be sure to specify if answer was in area of salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, something special, or a healing. Great accuracy is necessary, especially in healing testimonies. TBN is eager to publish only true and verified reports on the air. Reports which later prove inaccurate or false are a disillusionment to viewers and they bring discredit to the telecast. When case of healing is unusual and worthy of the caller bringing a testimony in person, get full details of name and address, doctor's name, etc. Always close such a call with a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessing granted. On praise reports of great praise and testimony, be sure to get the callers complete address and telephone number. On many of these calls, TBN will be contacting the person about doing a mini-cam interview to be shown on some of our TBN programs.

Referrals

ALL referrals for churches, information, special ministry, and emergency services are to be referred to the TBN business office (714) 832-2950 Ext. 44. Only ministry calls for prayer salvation, re-dedication, etc. are to be handled on the prayer lines. Any calls involving argumentative, or

Mailing List

Place names, addresses, and phone numbers of people desiring to be on our TBN mailing list on the **GREEN** sheet—not on the **PINK** Praise Report **NOTE:** They are automatically placed on the mailing list when they make a pledge or give their name and address on a Salvation or Praise Report.

Above all, please print (or write) slowly, clearly, and legibly. Take time to write in complete sentences. Do not use felt-tip pens.

Dealing With Children

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and don't prevent them. For such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
(Matthew 19:14-15, Living Bible)*

Jesus considered each child and their needs important. Remembering that we know that no request made by a child calling in is too trivial for prayer nor to be taken lightly. When small children call in desiring salvation, never, **NEVER** tell them they are young. Each child differs in coming into an awareness of sin ("the age of accountability") and it is not our job to judge if they are "old enough." Be gentle—explaining carefully and in simple terms the steps of salvation. They will be sent a special salvation packet geared for small children.

Principles for Effective Prayer Ministry

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know ye ought to answer every man. (Colossians 4:5, 6)

PERSONAL MINISTRY IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Effective prayer ministry cannot be done apart from the Holy Spirit. He is called the paraclete (counselor) who in Christ's place came to be another counselor of the same sort that Christ had been to His disciples (Isaiah 9:6, John 14:16, 17). Prayer ministry, to be Christian, must be carried on in harmony with the regenerating and sanctifying work of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit, then, is the source of all genuine personality changes that involve the sanctification of the believer, just as truly as He alone is the One who brings life to the sinner. The Holy Spirit expects to use His Word, the Holy Scriptures (II Timothy 3:16, 17). We are to be led by the Spirit, but this does not mean to be dependent on hunches, visions (although they may come), or extra-biblical revelations. The point that needs to be made is that since the Holy Spirit employs His Word as the principal means by which Christians may grow in sanctification, **one to one ministry cannot be effective apart from the use of the Scriptures.**

In the Gospels, Jesus gave us certain principles if we wished to follow Him in a life of discipleship. We must have a good understanding of the terms by which man can be reconciled back to God. In this study, we can see that certain attitudes must be in the heart of one who desires to follow Jesus Christ in a life of costly discipleship.

A. SALVATION

1. *Seek to determine if person understands what commitment to Jesus Christ really means.*

By studying the four kinds of soil in Matthew 13, we observe that only one kind of soil proved to bring forth fruit. *"The hard path where some of the seeds fell represents the heart of a person who hears the Good News about the Kingdom and doesn't understand it; Then Satan comes and snatches away the seeds from his heart (vs. 19)."* The hard path, the shallow rocky path, and the ground covered with thistles all have one thing in common: they don't bring forth fruit. The reason is simple. The heart (ground) of these people does not really understand the Kingdom of God (the royal rule and reign of Jesus Christ in the heart of a believer). Contrast this to the man who did understand in verse 23. He brought forth fruit: sixty, or even a hundred others, into the Kingdom. You may use the truth of God's Word to break up the fallow (hard) ground, enabling a person to understand the terms of discipleship. Be able to explain what it means to become a real Christian. Does he understand what it means to become a real Christian? Does he understand the significance of Christ's death and resurrection? Does he see himself as **really lost** and in need of a Savior? Remember, "The Good News is not good news to the man who doesn't know the bad news."

Principles for Effective Prayer Ministry (Continued)

The Gospel is the good news that Jesus has suffered for our sins and desires our love and loyal obedience. It implies that man needs to be changed and become what he was intended to become.

DOES HE UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL AND SEE HIMSELF IN NEED OF A SAVIOR?

2. *Seek to determine if the person is willing to repent of his sins.*

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."
(Proverbs 28:13)

By way of definition, repentance is a deep change of mind and heart which leads you to reject and forsake all known sin and the right to run your life independently of God.

Repentance . . . is not just being sorry for your sins. With repentance there is sorrow, but you can have sorrow without repentance. Many people are sorry for the consequences of sin but not sin itself.

Repentance . . . is not just quitting a sinful act. Some men have refrained from certain sins and reformed for personal reasons (health, reputation, family, business, etc.), not because their sins displeased God.

Repentance . . . is mentioned over 55 times in the New Testament. Jesus himself said, *"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."*
(Luke 13:3)

Repentance . . . is the act of your getting off the throne of your life so that Jesus Christ may take His rightful place there.

Repentance . . . is a spiritual U-turn necessary before you believe, "a willingness to turn from every known sin" and terminate your selfish purpose in life. **IS HE WILLING TO REPENT?**

3. *Determine if person is willing to renounce—give up—all rights to his life.*

This will mean setting aside his own plans, dreams, ambitions and be willing to do whatever God wants him to do. He knows exactly what will make you most happy. It may hurt to surrender everything at first, but He knows best and will never ask us to do anything that we will regret in the end. A true Christian has nothing of his own: time, talents, money, possessions, friends, career, or future—all must be surrendered for his King's service whenever and wherever He wants them (Luke 14:33).

4. *Determine if person is willing to make restitution to those he has hurt or offended.*

Explain to him that becoming a Christian will mean that you are willing, as far as is humanly possible, to right all known wrongs in your life. Be prepared to go to others and ask forgiveness from people you know you have wronged and feel guilty about. **DO YOU STILL DESIRE TO ASK**

Principles for Effective Prayer Ministry (Continued)

JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AS LORD AND SAVIOR?

5. Determine if person is willing to obey Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to follow Him as best as you understand? If so (prayer partner should explain the necessity of obedience according to Hebrews 5:9), in your own words, talk to God and . . .

CONFESS YOUR SINS:

by name—lying, pride, temper, stealing, cheating, etc.

TELL GOD YOU ARE

REPENTING: (turning from sin)

Willing to forsake all known sin and the right to run your life independently of Him. Repenting is being sorry enough for your sins to give them up.

TELL GOD YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR LIFE IN HIS HANDS:

Giving yourself entirely to Him and receiving Jesus Christ as Lord into your life. He will keep His Word, give the forgiveness you ask, and receive you.

If caller has difficulty praying, it may be that he has not really met the conditions. Then you must go over them again. If he has and still has difficulty praying, you may pray something like this:

"God,

I'm sorry I've been selfish and rebellious so long. I do want to change from my old way of life. I believe with all my heart that Your Son suffered and died for my sins and making me your child. Give me the power to live my life from this moment on for you. I give you my heart; take over everything I have, and all that I am, and be my Lord and King. Amen."

DOES THAT PRAYER REPRESENT THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART? If

so, would you like to pray this with me? If no, you may ask them what is keeping them from coming to Jesus Christ. If yes, go through prayer with them. **AFTER PRAYING, BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS ARE NECESSARY.**

WHATEVER YOU DO—DON'T TELL HIM:

(a) *"Now you are saved!"* Why not? **For several reasons:**

(1) You don't keep the Book of Life, God does. He knows if a prayer was a heart cry or not and whether new life has begun. You don't. You have no right to tell him what God alone can assure him of.

(2) **Better they find out their salvation for themselves.** Faith is strengthened by testing. If it is real, it will stand life's hard tests.

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(3) If you tell him, it is **YOUR** word he relies on. You will find he could be **YOUR** convert, not God's. And you will have to keep him instead of the Lord. Letting God grant assurance will soon prove if his stand was an experiment or an experience.

(b) *"How do you feel?"*

The Christian life is a choice of the will. Choose God's way and feeling will follow. But don't give the impression that **FEELINGS** are a total salvation guide or he will lose assurance with a headache! Teach him his duty, feeling or not.

(c) *Too much!*

Keep **some** instruction for another time. If you give him too much at once, he will not remember it, get confused and feel a failure before he begins. Babies don't start learning for some months the complex truth of life; neither do spiritual babies. A few things at a time!

DO ASK HIM:

(a) *"Did you **REALLY MEAN** what you asked God?"*

This will help you discover doubt. If he still doubts, there is still **DUTY** to be done. Doubt almost always shows an incomplete heart consecration. Something has not yielded. See if he has held anything back in such a case. Don't be afraid to **dig deeply** here. Unless a first work is deep and thorough, the resulting Christian

life will be less fruitful, useful, and blessed. Give him clear, strong, and firm directions. Tell him it is sin to have reason to doubt and sin to doubt without reason (Romans 14:23). If you leave them uncertain, they will at best be sickly, shaky Christians (I John 5:11-13).

(b) *"Would you like to thank God for what He just did?"*

This is an acid test of reality. If he can honestly thank God for his salvation, you can be reasonably sure it is genuine.

(c) *Remind him that he is to yield himself (his whole being) to Jesus Christ continually.*

The absolute yielding of our lives to God is the first great step after conversion urged in His Word. Upon every convert having received the Spirit and while his heart is glowing with the love of Christ who has saved him should be pressed home, earnestly and tenderly, the claim of Christ upon his redeemed life and His loving call to him to yield it to Him in absolute unreserved surrender.

Exhort him then to view himself as crucified (dead to his desires) with Christ at the Cross—to no longer live for himself. Encourage him to saturate his life with God's word daily for victory over temptation.

(d) *Inform him that someone will be in touch with him within a few days and to call us again if he doesn't receive a call.*

(e) *Conclude by praying for him, asking God's continued blessing on his life.*

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B. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

(1) *The purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit:*

The 120 gathered expectantly in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost—they knew *what* they were waiting for. The energizing experience was to be an overwhelming sense of God's presence. It was to mean more to them in terms of intimate, loving communion with God than the physical presence of Jesus had meant on earth. Then He had been **WITH** them; now by this anointing of the Holy Spirit, He would seem not only back *with* them but welling up *inside* them and all around them. They were to be utterly flooded in the sense of His closeness and power. They had already been given one "power"—that of legal right or authority to become the sons of God (John 1:12). Now they were to have "dumanis" (Greek) power—strength, might, energy, explosive enabling power to act, think, and **LIVE** like their Lord with the outpoured energy of heaven! (Luke 24:49, Romans 15:13, I Corinthians 2:4, I Thessalonians 1:5)

In this empowering, the soul is introduced **BY** the Lord Jesus to the Holy Spirit. The role of Christ and Spirit are thus reversed from that of salvation. The Holy Spirit has introduced the soul to Christ; now Christ makes the indwelling presence of His Spirit real to the

believer. The climax of this energizing process is the flooding up of God's reality in the soul like a fountain, until the believer is utterly immersed in His power and love. Once initially understood and experienced, this is to be the continuous experience of each believer—

deeper and deeper baptisms or infillings with the Holy Spirit as we look to Him in faith for delivering and transforming power. (Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31; 6:3, 8; 7:55, 9:17, 11:24; 13:9, 52; Ephesians 3:19, 5:18, I John 1:4)

(2) *Conditions for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit:*

Determine if the caller . . .

- (a) Has truly received Jesus Christ as Savior and made him Lord.
- (b) Is presently seeking to obey Jesus Christ in his life. Acts 5:32 reminds us that God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him.
- (c) Honestly desires God's power for the right reasons. God will not give His gifts for self-glory. He does not grant His power so that you can be free from trouble or to make you happy but for His glory—that must be our motive.

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Determine if the caller . . .
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- (d) Has truly repented of his sin or selfish purpose in life.

Cleanliness (Williams): "Before we go on our knees to receive the baptism of fire, let me beg of you to see to it that your wills die in harmony with the will and purpose of the Holy Spirit. It is no use . . . praying, or even believing if there is still something you are holding back or even refusing to do. Out with it; give it no rest; give it up. Destroy your idols and stoppages with an everlasting destruction. Let all go and you shall be flooded before you rise from your knees . . . the world shall feel the power of it, and God shall have all the glory."

- (e) Has an **intense desire** to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself said, "*If any many thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*" (John 7:37) This is not for someone who is casually interested or curious, but for the man or woman with a deep hunger for God. The result of coming to Christ with this attitude is that "*rivers of living water shall flow from the innermost being of anyone who believes.*" (Living Bible) These, then, are the qualifications for one who desires to be filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

C. HEALING

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.
(Jer. 30:17; Matt. 8:17; Mark 16:18; Luke 10:18, 19; I Peter 2:24; III John 2)

These are some of the promises in God's Word with which we must be familiar concerning divine healing.

God is doing everything He can to reduce suffering. He died to reduce it. The atoning death of Jesus Christ secured for us not only physical healing but the resurrection and perfecting and glorifying of our bodies. We do not get the full measure of what Jesus secured for us by His atoning death on the cross in this present life, however, but at His coming again. It is at the coming of our Lord that our spirit and soul and body are to be preserved entirely (I Thes. 5:23 RSV). Just as we now have the firstfruits of our spiritual salvation, we get the firstfruits of our physical salvation in that we are seeing thousands of physical healings through the atoning death of Jesus our Healer.

(1) WHY ISN'T EVERYONE HEALED?

God's wisdom and love are always involved in healing. If we Christians had the power to pray and see a resulted healing in every instance, we would be morally irresponsible to turn this power over to man since the eternal destiny of a soul is at stake. If God healed someone who wanted to continue living supremely for self, He would be contributing to their moral delinquency. By their

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refusing to turn from sin, the lives of many others could be brought into ruin as well. If the individual desiring healing persists in holding onto grudges, resentments, bitterness, there is little use in praying for him. When healing does not come immediately, one may ask: "Is there a greater blessing that may come through my illness?" There is often a question of God's timing in healing as well as testings or trials we may be going through for ourselves or others.

(2) **CONDITIONS FOR HEALING.**

First determine if the person is calling for himself or someone else. If a request is made for someone else, prayer should be offered for the individual. It may be that the person requesting prayer for someone will be part of the answer to prayer. Often an opportunity develops to minister some of the truths concerning healing to the person calling. (Consider using the "pastoral referral sheets" if you feel this might be appropriate.) If the request for prayer is from the individual who is ill, there is great opportunity for indepth ministry.

(3) **DETERMINE . . . heart attitude of person.** Is he willing to obey the principle of Romans 12:1, 2 (to offer himself a living sacrifice to God)?

Compare Leviticus 8:10-12 and James 5:14 and 15.

Then Moses took the anointing oil and sprinkled it upon the Tabernacle itself and on each item in it, sanctifying them. When he came to the alter, he sprinkled it seven times, and also sprinkled the utensils of the alter and the wash basin and its pedestal, to sanctify them. Then he poured the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, thus setting him apart for his work. (Leviticus 8:10-12, Living Bible)

*Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and **if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.** The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:14-16)*

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Several things are clear from these passages on healing. The purpose of anointing with oil for healing is to consecrate (set apart for God's use) the individual. When the sick one was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, it was an act of dedication and consecration, implying on the part of the one anointed a full surrender to God of his hands to work for Him and for Him alone, of his feet to walk for Him and Him alone, his eyes to see for Him and for Him alone, and his whole body to be "the temple of the Holy Spirit." Physical healing, then, may lead to a deep consecration to God. Our responsibility is to encourage the person to offer himself completely in an act of dedication.

In many cases, it is **the faith of Jesus Christ in you** that will bring about the healing power of the Holy Spirit. *"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."* Read the promises from the Word of God knowing that *"faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* (Romans 10:17) We are on **good ground** when we stand on the Word of God, claiming His promises. Ask the person if he believes God heals and whether God will heal him now. (Be in prayer that the Holy Spirit will give him the faith to believe God's promises.)

The passage in James points out some sickness is because of unconfessed sin. If so, confession may bring healing since this will lie at the root of the present illness. Review Psalm 32 and see the result of David's confession. Determine if the person has truly repented and offer the prayer of faith. (John 15)

Sometimes we make the mistake of interfering with God's dealings with people. We may do this through our sentimentality and desire to do God's will. Although it is not God's will for people to be sick, sometimes He allows it so the sick person will reach out for the spiritual healing. It is certainly unfortunate that many of us only listen to God through a personal loss, family problems, and sickness, but through these experiences, many have come to the end of their selfishness and ambitions and realized God's love. As we truly listen to the person share his needs and wait to hear the "voice of God," we may learn about counseling "in the Spirit" and be able to witness to the power and love of Jesus Christ.

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